

## **BILL TARGETS STUDENTS VICTIMIZED BY SEGREGATION**

Former Virginia public school students whose schools were closed to avoid desegregation could be eligible for scholarships. The intent of a bill submitted before the Virginia legislature was discussed by its sponsor, Del. Viola O. Baskerville, during the *Brown v. Board of Education* 50th Anniversary Commission meeting in Richmond last week. Prince Edward County Schools were closed from 1959-1964. See [Richmond Times Dispatch](#) for the full story.

## **OGLETREE FEATURED AT BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT CELEBRATING *BROWN***



The Association for the Study of African American Life and History presents its 79th annual Black History Month luncheon February 28, 2004, at Howard University, in Washington, DC. The keynote speaker is Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Vice Dean for the Clinical Programs at Harvard Law School. The lecture and theme: Before *Brown*...Beyond Boundaries: 50 Years Commemorating *Brown v. Board of Education*. Tickets \$50.00. Please call (202) 865-0053 for more information.

## **CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS EXAMINE *BROWN* IMPACT**

Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina, plans a public program to include a panel discussion, exhibit and reception February 9 and 10, 2004. The event kicks off Monday, February 9, 2004, with a reception, exhibit and panel discussion at 6 PM. This Commission supported event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The following day, students will form discussion groups to examine *Brown* 50 years later.



### **NOTE, ALSO, ON YOUR CALENDAR**

Thursday, January 29, 2004

Longwood University presents 1954 Then & Now 2004

Video and Discussion: The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow

Hull Auditorium, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Farmville, Virginia

For more information, call (434) 395-2020

## **MEDIA MENTIONS OF *BROWN* ...**

Throughout the year, thousands of media outlets will focus on the 50th anniversary of the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. The Commission invites you to read beyond the headlines, such as:

["The Supreme Struggle,"](#) by Adam Cohen (New York Times)

["When Schools Were Shacks,"](#) by Laura Randall (New York Times)

## COMMISSIONER PROFILE

Josephine Robertson, Public School Teacher. This member of Who's Who Among America's Teachers has a BA from the University of the West Indies and an MA from Andrews University. She teaches public school students at Arthur Sullivan Middle School in Worcester, Massachusetts, and represents the State of Massachusetts on the 50th Anniversary Commission.



*"The school setting where children work and play together is an ideal place to model and practice racial tolerance and acceptance. This opportunity must not be squandered. We must inspire our youth to excellence and challenge our nation to champion equitable legal, political and educational systems for all."*

## INTERESTING *BROWN* LINKS

- [NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#)
- [University of Illinois](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)

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